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Family Day at the track

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Youngsters of all ages and their families were invited to Family Day at the Fort Erie Race Track on Sunday. In addition to the track's live racing action, there were plenty of free activities for the kids to enjoy, which included pony rides, a bouncy carousel, and face painting. Live racing runs every Tuesday and Sunday at the Fort Erie Race Track until Oct. 18.

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Hip shows to rock Niagara

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It's going to be a Hip weekend across Niagara.

While Tragically Hip fans have scooped up all 4,300 free tickets for the St. Catharines Meridian Centre's livestream of the band's last concert Saturday, officials from other regional venues with the same idea are also bracing for large crowds.

More than 1,000 free tickets were distributed by the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, which is airing the concert in its theatre on a 12' by 18' big screen with real concert sound.

That was originally the limit, said Noel Buckley, president and general manager of the convention centre. The centre has added a "very limited" number of additional tickets for the 19+ event, but "wben they're gone, they're gone."

Tickets can be reserved at the convention centre website.

"A lot of people are showing a great deal of interest in this livestream, and we are very pleased with how it's gone," he said.

Janice Thomson, chairwoman of the Niagara Parks Commission, said she expects "a lot" of people will watch its livestream of the event at Queen Victoria Park in Niagara Falls.

"I would expect there will be a lot of people that happen to be on the site, as well as people that will say, 'Oh, yeah, we want to go down there and make it an event,'" she said.

The commission will air the Hip's final concert, being performed in their hometown of Kingston, on two large screens. The broadcast is scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m.

The event coincides with the fully licensed Great Canadian BBQ that will take place from 6 p.m. to midnight. There will be other musical entertainment leading up to the live broadcast.

Because the livestream event is free, and because the commission doesn't require Hip fans to get tickets beforehand, Thomson said she's not sure how many people may show up.

"You have an iconic Canadian band and right there is the iconic Canadian falls," she said.

"Given that it's summer time, it's a great time to be outdoors, to share in that event witb people from all over, I think that specific area lends itself to that."

David Adames, senior director of business development for the commission, said the capacity in front of Queen Victoria Park is 2,500. The licensed area will hold between 300 to 400 people.

Visitors can bring their own blankets and lawn chairs, but no outside alcohol will be allowed on site.

The CBC will broadcast the commercial-free concert from coast to coast on television, radio as well as streaming it online. The CBC has provided outlets with permission to livestream the event.

Attendees to these livestreams are being asked to consider making a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Tbe Tragically Hip announced in May that its lead singer, Gord Downie, has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer, and that the band is embarking on a goodbye tour this summer.

In Welland, the city will air the concert outdoors at Civic Square on East Main Street on its new 11-foot-tall, 20-foot-wide LED screen.

City spokeswoman Bernice Booth said because it's not an RSVP event, it's hard to guess how many people may attend, but officials are preparing for a busy evening.

"We're just going to hope for the best and try to go as big as possible so that we can bring in as many people," she said.

"We have some plans to close down a couple of streets and we hope to bring lots of people downtown."

Booth said the plan is to close part of East Main Street and Cross Street, in front of the court house, to accommodate for the event.

She said the LED screen is expected to be set up Wednesday.

"It is able to do video — audio is a little bit more difficult for us because we have to set up speakers for that," said Booth.

"For any advertisement, that will be all silent, but it has a capability of setting up to watch livestreaming, or various events."

For example, she said in the future, certain events at tbe Welland Recreational Canal Corporation, such as the World Dragon Boat Racing Championships, could be shown on the screen.

"This is kind of a good way to introduce (the LED screen) to the public," said Booth.

She said portable seating from the nearby amphitheatre will be brought in, however visitors are encouraged to also bring their own lawn chairs.

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Soldiers' Field Day returns to Old Fort

The Soldiers' Field Day competition is set to return to Old Fort Erie on the weekend.

Visitors to the fort are invited to come and cheer on the soldiers and settlers of the day as they compete in military drill competitions on Saturday, Aug. 20 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The event is a friendly competition amongst Niagara Parks Commission staff. Over the course of the summer, Niagara Parks historical interpreters are required to learn War of 1812 military drill, cooking techniques, as well as have an in-depth knowledge of the war.

On this day, staff will be put to the test, as they have been placed into teams and will be competing in five separate events that include a manual of arms drill, trivia, perfect volley, speed load and Seneca Run. The winning team will be announced during the 4:30 p.m. historical demonstration.

Entry to the event is included with admission to Old Fort Erie. Admission to the fort is $12.25 for adults, $7.95 for children between the ages of six and 12, and children five and under are free.

Music Fest to be rescheduled

The 10th annual Music Fest, which was planned for Saturday, Aug. 13, was cancelled due to unsafe weather conditions.

Organizer Lloyd McGuigan said the event, which is hosted each year by the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinsmen, will be rescheduled. The new date has yet to be determined.

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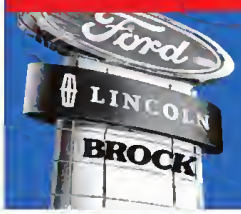

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Niagara District Airport.

Bookings have begun rolling in for upcoming flights connecting Niagara and Toronto — and it comes as no surprise to Mishka Balsom.

The president and CEO of Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce believes the air service offered by Greater Toronto Airways announced last Tuesday will be a "great benefit" to the local business community.

Flights, which officially take off Sept. 15, will depart Niagara District Airport in Niagara-on-the-Lake each weekday at 8:30 a.m. and land at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, also known as Toronto Island airport, less than 15 minutes later. Return flights will leave Toronto at 4:30 p.m.

The service — on a plane with six to eight seats — can also be used for day trips to Niagara, departing Toronto at 7:15 a.m. and returning at 6 p.m.

It will cost travellers $85 ($96 after tax) for a one-way flight and $159 for roundtrip ($180 after tax).

"I think from a business perspective it is an affordable option to take advantage of," Balsom said, calling the cost comparable to commuter services in other communities.

During the chamber's Business After 5 event Tuesday, she heard from many people who echoed her thoughts.

"The positive feedback from a cross-section of different businesses that were there was really wonderful to see," Balsom said. "There was not a person there who said it's too expensive, that it wasn't welcomed or that it wasn't something they would consider. It created a lot of positive conversation and I think that's a really good sign."

As the saying goes, "time is money," she said, and any option that saves valuable time, in addition to gas and parking costs, deserves a closer look.

It may not be ideal for daily travels to and from Toronto, but may ease the burden and stress of the commute if taken once a week or occasionally by people who visit the bustling metropolis for business, she said.

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A choppy route from Niagara to Toronto

Niagara has had a pretty simple Big Transportation Picture the past few decades.

How do we avoid the congested QEW and get to Toronto faster?

GO train service has been our main obsession, of course.

But there have been other desired transit options.

For a while, Niagara Region strenuously lobbied Queen's Park for a new mid-peninsula highway. That idea died for a variety of reasons.

The latest hope for QEW avoidance is daily air passenger service to Toronto, out of Niagara District Airport.

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There was a time, though, when the Big Transportation Picture included another alternative transit mode — boats.

Cross-lake travel has always been enticing. Standing on Lakeside Beach on a clear, sunny day, the downtown Toronto skyline seems achingly close.

Surely, it would make sense to pack dozens of people on a vessel of some sort and zip them across the vast empty waters of Lake Ontario.

Various deep thinkers had often expressed such a belief, but nobody ever stepped up to make it happen.

Until the late 1990s.

Then, aquatic commuter traffic exploded. If you can call three different cross-lake services an explosion, that is.

Shaker Cruise Lines was first off the mark, operating the 275-seat Lakerunner ferry in 1997.

It provided a slow trip, however. Plus, it cost a lot to run and the service was only attracting a few dozen passengers.

The next year, the cruise line's main commuter boat was a 75-seat hydrofoil that got to the foot of Yonge Street in about an hour. Return fare was $30.

Two other companies tested the Niagara-to-Toronto waters in 1998.

Waterways operated a 300-seat catamaran out of Jordan Harbour. A return ticket cost $37; an associated bus trip to Niagara Falls and back cost $5.

Hydrofoil Lake Jet Lines had a 150-seat hydrofoil making a daily trip from Queenston to Toronto. A return ticket was $45, but included a free shuttle to either Niagara-on-the-Lake or Niagara Falls.

Both of these larger vessels made the trip in about an hour, too.

Shaker was chasing the commuter crowd. Waterways and Hydrofoil Lake Jet Lines were trying to tap into the tourism market.

Didn't matter. They all failed within a couple of years.

The lasting memory for me was a well-publicized promotional voyage/photo op that went astonishingly awry.

To showcase its hydrofoil passenger service, Shaker Cruise Lines arranged to transport Ontario tourism minister Al Palladini from Toronto to St. Catharines in August 1998.

Turned out to be a very bad idea.

A fair-sized media throng waited in windy Port Dalhousie for the government party to arrive. And waited. And then waited some more.

Word got outt that there had been some trouble on the choppy lake. A 2.5-metre wave crashed through the ship's window while the hydrofoil was eight kilometres offshore. Water was everywhere.

Lifejackets were donned, water pumped out and distress signals sent.

The hydrofoil's call for help was promptly answered by three other boats, but the vessel made it into Port Dalhousie under its own power and everyone was safe, if more than a little wet.

The always-gregarious Palladini shrugged off the mishap as "a bit of excitement" and praised the boat's crew for quickly bringing things under control.

Still, glum faces outnumbered happy ones at the pier.

A half-hour or so later, Palladini's aide Joan Stearns arrived with her boss at Hillebrand Estates Winery for his scheduled meeting with the Ontario Wine Council.

Aware of her harrowing hydrofoil misadventure, a sympathetic council member told Stearns, wearing soggy shoes and a borrowed dry dress, she could relax now. On tap was a short tour, then lunch with maybe a glass of wine.

"Or maybe three," said Stearns.

There you go. Another reason to rue the end of commuter travel across the bouncing waves of Lake Ontario.

The service was good for Niagara wine sales.

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The Toronto skyline, from across the lake. So close to Niagara, yet so far.

Do you remember?

We received no calls about last week's photo of two children taking an ice cream break near a Rexall. If you recognize someone in any past 'Do You Remember?' photo, it's never too late to phone in and let us know who it is. This week's photo is of a young woman holding a very decorative clock. If you recognize her or know who made the clock, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or email museum@forterie.ca.

Comment

Library to offer screening of classic tale, 'The Little Prince'

Do you know the story of Antoine Saint-Exupery's *The Little Prince*?

This classic tale, available at the Fort Erie Public Library in both French and English, tells of a small fellow who goes exploring far from his home of innocence, and questions much about the world around him. It was written for children of all ages, and this Saturday at the Centennial branch a new movie version will be presented at 2:30 p.m.

This 2015, PG rated family film offers the inspiring fable with a companion narrative, that of a young girl whose mother is strictly preparing her for the grown-up world, while their next door neighbour, the aviator, teaches her to embrace wonder, adventure, and the magic of her childhood, so she learns that 'what is truly important in life is invisible to the eye.'

The aviator, we find, is the original teller of the Little Prince's tale. Jeff Bridges provides the voice talent of the aviator, while Rachel McAdams is the mother and a cast of stars fill even minor roles. To understand just how amazing Saint-Exupery's own life was, children and adults alike can enjoy Peter Sis' book The Pilot and the Little Prince: the life of Antoine de Saint-Exupery. For young people drawn to the adventure of the Little Prince's story, Clotilde Bruneau has prepared a series of graphic novels. For adults, Canadian author Ania Szado has written Studio Saint-Ex, an historical novel about the Saint-Exuperys. All of these are available in the library collection.

This Saturday at the Crystal Ridge branch, the library offers a course in Babysitting Basics for ages 11 to 14. Call St. John Ambulance at 905-356-7340 for information about the babysitting workshop or about tomorrow's Home Alone course for ages eight and up.

Next Saturday, the Central Fire Station, with the help of community partners, will present another wonderful new family film, *The Jungle Book*, based on Rudyard Kipling's story of Mowgli and the animals of the jungles of India. This movie will be the second one this summer to be shown for free, outdoors in the Sugarbowl Park starting at about 8:15 p.m. For an bour before the screening begins, Safari Niagara will bring the animals of its Zooniversity to the community room of the library, and all ages are invited to meet and learn about other interesting creatures of our world.

There are many versions of Jungle Book in the library collection, including the original and newer, graphic novel versions, for all ages to enjoy. The library is truly a place where marvelous stories are shared.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

Tomatoes are 'a versatile' fruit

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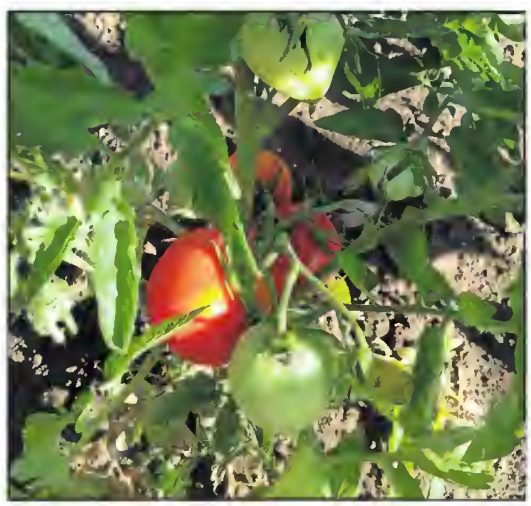
Tomatoes come in a bunch of colours as well, like black, purple, yellow and white. They look great raw on the plate or in salads with all these attractive colours. The plant themselves come in a variety of sizes like the Tiny Tim variety that grows maybe 10 inches tall that produces a ton of tiny sweet little morsels. Last year I grew mystery tomatoes that reached five feet tall and produced buckets of these monster heart shaped tomatoes. I wasn't prepared for that invasion of my 10 x 10 garden, but me and my neighbours were grateful for the bounty.

Tomatoes have about a zillion uses in the culinary department and everyone has their favourite way to cook and eat them. Salsa has become the most popular way in America to eat the tomato, even surpassing ketchup. Who knew? Even salsa has a billion ways to be prepared from fresh to preserved in jars.

Stop at the Bridgeburg Rustic Farmers' Market this Tuesday and pick up a jar of Vampire Repellent Salsa from Elsie's Fine Preserves or one of the many tomato varieties grown by Hwy Farms and Viniki Farms to make your own salsa or spaghetti sauce then pair it with a bottle of Gewertzraminer from Between the Lines winery.

Chrystal Haverstock is the coordinator of the Bridgeburg Rus-



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Briefs

Councillors need more information on proposed apartment complex

Fort Erie's councillors said they need more information about a proposal that calls for the construction of an apartment complex before the project can move forward.

Karen Minhas, owner of the property at 223-227 Gilmore Rd., has applied to the Town of Fort Erie for a permit to convert an existing restaurant and an apartment into a seven-unit apartment building.

A public meeting was held in June, giving residents a chance to speak about the project, and a report was presented to councillors. Since then, the owner requested a change to the permit, asking for reduced apartment unit sizes.

A second report was presented to council during last week's council-in-committee meeting for information purposes.

Matt Kernahan, the town's senior development planner, said last Monday that the property is about 883 metres in size and Minhas is asking to reduce the minimum apartment size from 40 metres (about 430 square feet) to 20 metres, or 220 square feet.

He said the units would vary in size from 220 square feet to 398 square feet and each include a private kitchen, bathroom and living quarters.

The developer will provide a landscaped green space for residents, but has no plans to make improvements to the building's façade, Kernahan said.

"I have a lot of anxiety about the size of the units," Mayor Wayne Redekop said.

"It's important for us to have a good mix of housing. Even looking at the floor plans, by the time you get a washroom and a couple of appliances in there, I can't see how this works."

Redekop said he wanted to know if "there may be a market" for smaller apartments and whether there was a need for them in the community.

"I would also encourage the owner to have some work done on the exterior," he added.

If the owner is granted the request to move forward with the project, Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts said he is concerned about setting an unwanted precedent.

"I'm not happy with what I'm seeing," Lubberts said.

"If we're going to approve this, and if we don't approve it next time, a property owner will go to the (Ontario Municipal Board) and appeal it."

During a public meeting held last Monday, three residents spoke in opposition to the project, and expressed concerns that the size of the proposed units are too small.

Following last week's discussion, a report will be presented to council at a future meeting to approve or deny the project.

"(Before a decision can be made), we need to wait for a report from (town) staff based on some of the comments from (tonight's public meeting)," Ward 1 Coun. George McDermott said.

"Hopefully Ms. Minhas can solve some of the complaints and work with town staff," he added.

Concern over security at Bay Beach

According to Ward. 5 Coun. Don Lubberts, safety is a concern for Bay Beach visitors.

At last week's council-in-committee meeting, Lubberts said there has been "a major issue" with security at the beach.

"It's been on-going all summer. Peoples' bags aren't being checked for alcohol," he said.

The councillor said at times there is only one security guard, or "no one at all" at the entrance to the beach.

"We're constantly struggling to maintain some kind of order. The neighbours are getting upset and it's embarrassing," Lubberts said.

He asked town staff to look at options to improve security at the beach.

The Town of Fort Erie awarded a one-year contract to Neptune Security Services in April to provide security for the beach.

"We've been struggling with the contractor all summer. The town awarded a one-year contract to them with an option for a (potential) second year," the town's chief administrative officer, Tom Kuchyt said.

Town staff have met with the security company to discuss the ongoing safety concerns at the beach, and have decided to terminate the contract.

"We were promised they would pull up their socks and do a better job at security," Kuchyt said.

"We (town staff) will take over summer security ourselves (for the rest of the season)," he added.

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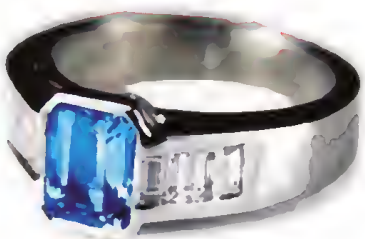

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Police Briefs

Fire ban lifted

The Fort Erie Fire Department lifted the fire ban Tuesday in the Town of Fort Erie.

After several days of rain, the fire risk has returned to an acceptable level.

Fire Chief Larry Coplen said he wanted to thank residents for their patience in complying with the ban. He reminds everyone to follow all municipal rules when burning, and check the town website and social media regularly to ensure that the ban has not been re-issued.

Swimmer rescued at Waverly Beach

An 85-year-old man was pulled to shore Sunday afternoon after two people saw the man in distress and entered the water to rescue him.

Once ashore they were assisted by a third citizen.

Niagara Regional Police and Niagara Emergency Medical Services were called to the area of Waverly Beach at 672 Edgemere Rd. at 2:45 p.m. to assist.

NRP Const. Virginia Moir said members of the public had called to report a swimmer had gone into distress in the area.

"Upon arrival, police learned that the swimmer had been pulled from the water and was apparently okay," Moir said.

The swimmer had been in the water for about 20 to 30 minutes "when he had slipped on some rocks and went into distress."

The man was taken to hospital and treated for mild hypothermia, Moir said the water conditions on Lake Erie were noted to be rough, with white caps cresting further out into the lake.

Intruder steals female's underwear

Police are looking for a male suspect they say broke into a Fort Erie home last Sunday.

Niagara Regional Police say an unknown suspect entered a home in the Albany Street and King Street area between 11 p. m. and 2 a. m. Police say the suspect gained entry through a basement window and targeted a female's bedroom. The suspect stole some personal items, including female undergarments.

Are you missing some power tools?

Niagara Regional Police recovered a quantity of Stihl, Echo and Honda power tools as the result of an investigation in Fort Erie and are now looking for their rightful owners.

Police are asking Fort Erie residents to contact police with serial numbers of the missing tools. For more information, call 905-688-4111 ext. 2322.

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Myth: If you brush, you don't need to floss

Brushing only removes bactena from front and inside surfaces of teeth. It cannot help you clean in between the teeth. Yes, even electric ones cannot clean there either. Flossing is the only way to clean oft the bacteria between teeth so that you won't get cavities. (I nicknamed these cavities as "flossing cavities")

Myth: Cosmetic dentistry is only for the rich and famous

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Dr. John Inigo

for those procedures. The whitening procedures are the most affordable and popular cosmetic services across Canada.

Myth: Only go to the dentist if you have a problem

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Myth: Root canals never work. My Root canal treated tooth broke and and it had to be removed.

This is partially true. All root canal teeth are at risk for fracture or split. All the back teeth with root canal treatments need to be capped. Otherwise, you are at risk for losing them.

Myth: I don't need teeth. I will get dentures

This is a very serious misconception. Your lifestyle completely changes with dentures. You will have to avoid certain types of diet. You will have to be concerned about dentures being loose. A denture is not a replacement of your teeth. It is a replacement of "No Teeth".

Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie and Ridgeway, Ontario. He can be reached at Inigo Bertie Dentistry, 905.871.2903 or Inigo Ridgeway Dentistry, 905.894.5555. For further information and discussion, please visit his office at www.inigodentistry.com.

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Fort Erie Waterfront Strategy

Invitation to Attend Community Workshop #3

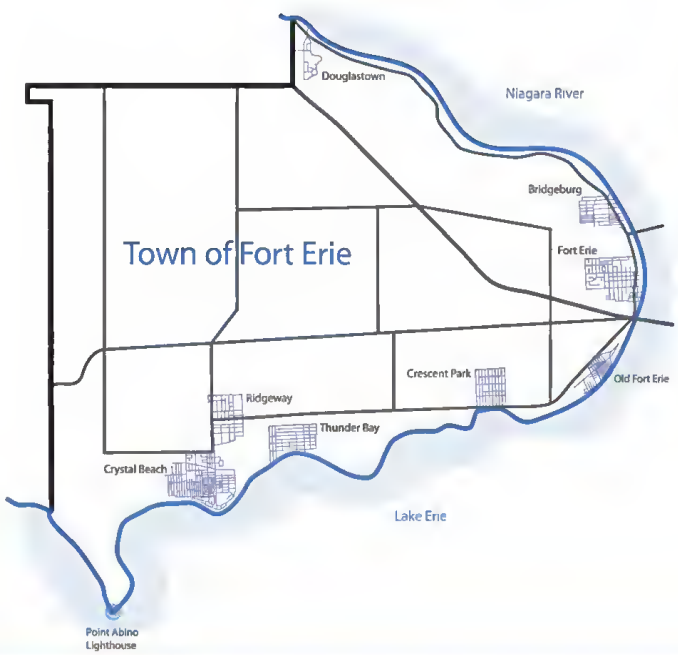
fort erie waterfront strategy

September 1, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Fort Erie Leisureplex

The Town of Fort Erie has initiated the **Fort Erie Waterfront Strategy** to identify opportunities to improve/augment parks, town-owned land, destinations and attractions along the Lake Erie and Niagara River shoreline. The Waterfront Strategy will provide a long-term vision and contain an action plan with short, medium and long term objectives. As well as an overall strategy for all waterfront lands, more detailed conceptual plans for sites along the waterfront will illustrate opportunities for change.

Please attend the third community workshop on **September 1, 2016** at the **Fort Erie Leisureplex.** The community workshop will begin at **6:00 p.m.** with a presentation, followed by table group discussions.

The workshop will begin with a presentation to review work-in-progress with an overview of the 8 frameworks comprising the Waterfront Strategy, followed by a description of the concept plans for changes to the Bertie Boating Club, the Palmwood at Crystal Beach Waterfront Park, Waverly Beach Park and the Coal Docks. We will also discuss our draft implementation strategy and action plan. Table group discussions will follow the presentation to collect input the concepts for the four waterfront sites.



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For more information on the Fort Erie Waterfront Strategy, please contact:

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ANNIE PASQUARIELLO/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Donna MacLeod, Fort Erie Arts Council president, with a piece created by chain saw artist Jean Pierre Gauthier.

Arts council under new guidance

ANNIE PASQUARIELLO
Special to the Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Arts Council, (FEAC) has a new president at the helm.

The FEAC, which was founded in 2005, consists of a group of community-minded artists that work to promote art and culture in Fort Erie. and will continue to do so under the guidance of new President Donna MacLeod.

MacLeod started out as a volunteer in 2007 and has worked various positions within the FEAC during those nine years. She is a hobby artist and says she loves anything to do with art.

As all positions on the FEAC are volunteer positions, MacLeod explains she makes the time to stay involved although she has other priorities.

"We are a chartable group and do a lot for the community. I would hate to see it fall apart without support, so I make time," she says.

Besides promoting art and culture, the FEAC supports local charities, community events and art groups.

MacLeod says she wants the FEAC to be a council of the community and enrich greater Fort Erie through exposure to arts and culture.

"We want to get the community involved with art and in doing so, proceeds go back into the community," she says.

The current council consists of eight members, but there is a vacancy for the ninth spot and they are always accepting people for any type of volunteer position. Members of the community are encouraged to send a letter of application and why they feel they could support the FEAC.

In her new role as president, MacLeod says she is learning new things and is excited for future plans of the FEAC.

"The council is thriving and I think we can really make some noise in the community."

Some of the current and upcoming events by the FEAC include: Melani Pyke's art workshops at the Sanctuary, Kidoodle in the fall, Red Ribbon event in November and they are also hoping to donate to Habitat for Humanity.

This year the FEAC will be at the Taste of Fort Erie on Sept. 17, from noon until 6 p.m. The theme is "Welcome to the Woods," featuring chainsaw artist Jean Pierre Gauthier. There will also be live painting demonstrations and local photographer Larry Mathewson will be in attendance with his work as well as information on a new photography class coming soon.

MacLeod says the FEAC provides something for everyone no matter what age you are. Each quarter they will try and have a social gathering to share ideas and provide feedback to the board of directors and learn about programs and events. As always, new members are always welcome.

Information on the FEAC can be found online at www.forterieartscouncil.com or on Facebook.

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CONTRACT # ISE-16T-STRD11

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2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME on: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31st, 2016

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For further information, please contact Sara Fox, Purchasing and Finance Clerk, Town of Fort Erie Municipal Centre, sfox@forterie.ca or (905) 871-1600 ext. 2321.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Public Notice
Reconsideration of Recommendation

On July 11, 2016 Council defeated the following recommendations contained in Report No. PDS-62-2016:

THAT Council approves the amendments to the Town's Zoning By-law No. 129-90 as detailed in Appendix "4" of Report No. PDS-62-2016 for the lands known as Lots 101, 102 and 103, Plan 27, NP370, and further

THAT Council authorizes staff to prepare the necessary by-law, and further

THAT Council hereby determines that in accordance with Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, further notice is not required as a result of the change to the minimum lot frontage to 10.7 m and the minimum lot area to 279.3 m2 for Lot 101 since the holding of the Public Meeting on June 13, 2016.

A Notice of Intent was given at the Council-in-Committee meeting on August 8, 2016 to reconsider the above recommendation.

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that Council may reconsider the above recommendations at their Council-in-Committee Meeting on September 6, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

A copy of Report PDS-62-2016 is available on the Town's website at www.forterie.ca. For further information please contact Laura Bubanko, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk at lbubanko@forterie.ca or 905.871.1600 ext. 2211.

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More than 30 seats booked since last week's announcement

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Balsom called air service an effective way for people to get in a full day of out-of-town meetings without having to face significant traffic woes on the highway there and back.

While conference calls have become the norm in today's world, "there's much to be said about face-to-face meetings" and the flights are another avenue to make that happen, she said.

"There's still a lot of value in being able to gather people around a table to move issues forward. I think it does open up that door."

Balsom believes the airline's investment in a Niagara commuter service is related to the booming housing market the region has been experiencing in recent months.

More people are beginning to consider the area a viable option to commute from and the addition of air service — as well as GO Transit's expansion to Niagara in 2021 — only further enhances that idea, she said.

The amount of time spent commuting is often a reflection of quality of life, she said, and the ability to spend time with family instead of on the road can make a world of difference.

"If (taking a flight) means you're back here at 4:45 (p.m.) and you don't have to miss your kid's soccer game, that matters to people."

Niagara District Airport commission chairman Gary Murphy is confident the service will soar to success.

But if it doesn't, it's not going to cost the commission a dime.

"We've got great expectations for them," he said, but "the airport doesn't lose anything, other than revenue fees, in the event the airline decides to terminate. That's business."

A deal between the airline and the airport was negotiated to include a terminal fee, sitting at $5 per person per flight, a landing fee, which relates to the size and weight of the plane, and an airport improvement fee to help cover the cost of infrastructure enhancements.

If Greater Toronto Airways is successful in running one return flight per weekday, the airport is projected to make $27,000, Murphy said, adding the facility's only impact will be minimal wear and tear.

If demand is great enough that a second flight is added, revenue will increase accordingly.

"There's an escalator clause in there," he said of the contract between the two parties, which will be up for renegotiation Jan. 1 after initial demand is reviewed.

The airline's online reservation system at www.flygta.com shows more than 30 seats on flights to and from Niagara have been booked since last Tuesday's launch.

Calls and e-mails to Greater Toronto Airways were not immediately returned.

"The more money we get coming in, the more it helps

Mishka Balsom

to take some of the burden off our funders, the three municipalities, to provide money," Murphy said. "This is why we're so in favour of a small airline starting out, seeing whether the market is there and watching them increase if the market is there."

Niagara District Airport is owned and funded by Niagara-on-the-Lake, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls. Each community's contribution is based on its population.

For the airport's 2016 budget, Niagara-on-the-Lake contributed $23,884 toward operating costs and $15,362 toward capital; St. Catharines provided $203,793 toward operating and $130,992 toward capital; and Niagara Falls contributed $128,723 toward operating and $82,739 in capital.

Potential governance changes for both Niagara airports have been under review since 2015 and are expected to be discussed at municipal and regional councils later this year.

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Ridgeway Summer Festival will have new date next year

KRIS DUBÉ
Special to the Fort Erie Times

The Ridgeway Summer Festival is being taken to the next level, says organizer Jesse Boles.

In 2017, the annual event will celebrate its 25-year anniversary but also a much bigger milestone – Canada's sesquicentennial anniversary (150 years) of Confederation.

In previous years, the two-day festival hosted by the Ridgeway BIA has typically been held on the second or third weekend in July.

However, local residents and seasonal visitors can look forward to a two-and-a-half-day celebration on Canada Day weekend next year, with a kickoff party on Fri., June 30.

Boles also expects to see more people from the U.S. since many will be in the area celebrating their own nation on July 4 – but from the comfort of their cottages on this side of the border.

"That's something we really depend on with our close proximity to Crystal Beach," said Boles.

On July 1, festival organizers will partner with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230 for a Canada Day ceremony and parade – celebrating the country's history.

The Ridgeway Kinsmen Club will once again host its always-successful street dance, vendors will line downtown Ridgeway and there will be plenty to do for everyone, according to Boles.

It's not just a festival that boasts cheap sunglasses and beach towels, he said.

"It's about offering something unique and we have that," said Boles.

One piece of positive feedback Boles claims to receive quite often surrounding the festival is about its car show, which he says continues to grow in size and popularity over the years.

"We're hearing from a lot of the car show guys that ours is the one to be at," he said.

Even though the festival is more than 10 months away – Boles said organizers are already seeking volunteers and sponsors.

"To grow, we need a lot of community support," said Boles.

To help with next year's cause call 289-476-1311 or visit www.ridgewayont.ca for more contact information.

KRIS DUBÉ/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Jesse Boles, organizer of the Ridgeway Summer Festival, said the festival will have a new date next year. Residents and seasonal visitors can look forward to a two-and-a-half-day celebration on Canada Day weekend in 2017.

LINCOLN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

A raccoon from Grimsby picked up in February 2D16 with distemper. Last week a case of rabies was confirmed.

Fifth case of rabies confirmed in Niagara

DON FRASER
postmedia network

The first case of raccoon rabies this year in Grimsby has been confirmed.

It marks the fifth incident of raccoon rabies discovered in Niagara this year.

Kevin Strooband, executive director of the Lincoln County Humane Society, said the July 12 call was for an injured and sick raccoon in the area.

"It was in a residential area, literally a stone's throw away from the town hall," Strooband said of the call that came from a resident.

There, a raccoon was showing signs of illness consistent with distemper and rabies and appeared to have an injured leg.

An officer picked up the raccoon and euthanized it at the shelter in St. Catharines.

It took some time to confirm that the raccoon had rabies, he said.

The raccoon was tagged, sent to the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests for initial testing and then to a federal lab in Nepean, Ottawa for further testing once the field test showed positive. Brain matter was tested.

A positive test for the rabies virus was confirmed by the federal lab.

"The natural resources ministry and staff are pretty busy right now," said the executive director. "There have been hundreds and hundreds of animals (tested in Ontario) and they've actually tested 3,500 animals since December."

Provincially this year to July 29, there here have been 162 cases of raccoon rabies, two foxes and 51 skunks. That includes 145 animals in Hamilton, seven in Haldimand, five in Niagara and five in Brant.

In Niagara, all of the animals confirmed positive for rabies were raccoons, found in West Lincoln.

The humane society reminds people to be diligent in educating their kids about rabies risks and to use caution if a raccoon is encountered.

The provincial ministry will continue to collect and test specimens from the Grimsby area while vaccinating raccoons living in the area with an oral vaccine dispersed in cubes.

People are urged to use caution when encountering wildlife and asked to report sick or injured wildlife in Grimsby to the Lincoln County Humane Society, at 1-800-263-2469.

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Women compete in the Wise Girls Tee Party at the St. Catharines Golf and Country Club on Monday, August 15, 2016. The golf tournament was a charity fundraiser with proceeds benefitting various agencies throughout the community. This is the second year that the Wise Girls Tee Party was held, last year it was held at Rockway Glen Golf Course.
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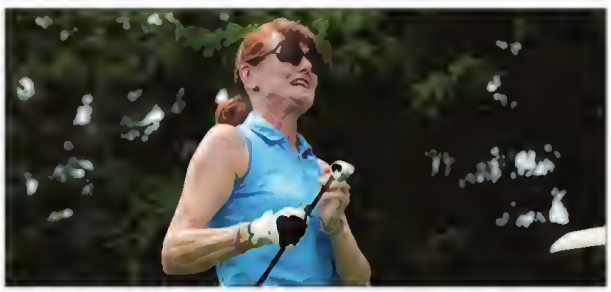

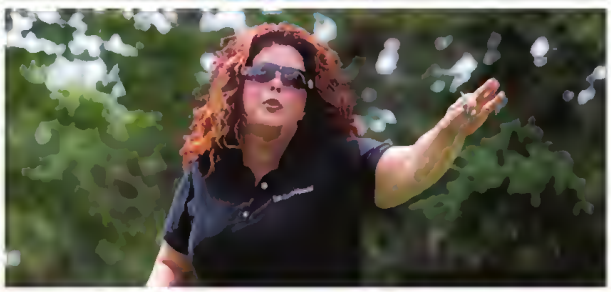

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Residents reminded to have pets vaccinated, observe wildlife from a distance

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Unusual behaviours to watch for include raccoons that are lethargic — slow-moving, almost drunk-like — walking in circles and falling over or curled in a ball.

As for bites from any animal, Peter Jekel, the Region's public health department manager of environmental health, says these incidents should be reported to the health unit for investigation.

"Normally if the incident is with a wild animal and it is available for testing, we will have the animal tested," Jekel said.

"If the animal is not available we will recommend that the client go to their health care practitioner for discussion about rabies vaccine."

Jekel said the doctor — if it is warranted — will order the vaccine from the health unit.

If the biting or scratching incident is with a dog or a cat, the owner of the dog or cat will be required to confine their animal for a period of 10 days, usually at home.

After that, a public health inspector verifies the rabies transmissibility. If the animal dies during the observation period, it will be tested for rabies.

If it survives the 10 days with no outward signs of rabies, it will be released from its confinement.

As for the latest rabies confirmation, "this is another rabid raccoon found near the Hamilton border where they have a large outbreak amongst raccoons," Jekel said.

"We've had raccoons spill over the border into West Lincoln, and this is just that same pattern but a little farther north into Grimsby."

Recommendations for protection against rabies include having pets vaccinated, staying away from strays or wildlife and observing wild animals from a distance.

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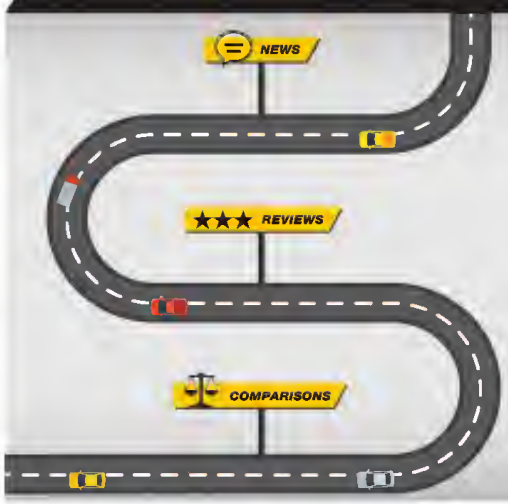

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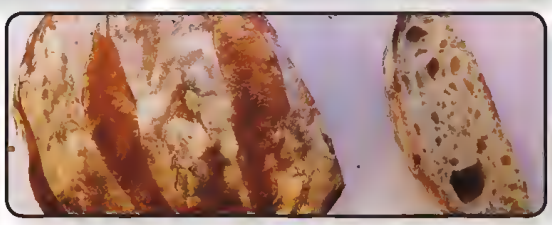

Green cremation service introduced in Ontario

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A new wave of environmentally friendly body disposal may eventually flow to Niagara.

Five years ago, Niagara funeral home owner Ernie Morgan got a first-hand account of that body disposition method known as resomation.

At the facility in St. Petersburg, Fla., Morgan met with the director of Anderson-McQueen Funeral Homes — one of its pioneers in the U.S.

"There, we learned it's more hands-on than traditional cremation," says Morgan, who runs Morse & Son Funeral home in Niagara Falls and Morgan Funeral Home in Niagara-on-the-Lake. "Everything has to be removed from the body, and a pure cotton material has to be wrapped around it."

The process — also known as "alkaline-hydrolosis" — disintegrates bodies into a liquid using an alkaline solution. The thoroughly-filtered coffee-coloured material is then put into a sewer system.

Remaining bone and solid matter is reduced using a flame-free method into a white powder that's returned to loved ones.

A U.S. resomator website says the process uses 85 per cent less energy than a typical flame cremation, and needs no burning of caskets or fossil fuels. It also allows recycling of medical implants.

That new bio-cremation system is now used in Smiths Falls in a process licensed by the province, with sewage treatment plant officials in the eastern Ontario town monitoring the discharge and its alkalinity.

There is a bit of a hitch, say Morgan and another local funeral home director: It is very expensive to purchase and operate.

"I don't see this as an alternative a large majority of our population will see as their choice for disposition, partly because they won't understand it, and mostly because they will not want to pay the cost."

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Bodies are turned into liquid then disposed of in sewers

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However, Morgan adds, "If it was available, our firm would be glad to present it as an option to client families.

"People like choice, and this would add to their current available options of burial, entombment or cremation."

Dale Hilton, owner of Hilton's AquaGreen Dispositions in Smiths Falls, says he's the first in Ontario to use it. The company that develops the equipment is Indiana-based BioResponse. Hilton declines to discuss his total cost of equipment for competitive reasons.

Hilton maintains that his resomation, requiring no casket, is actually cheaper with the cost at $520 per body.

He says in his Rideau Lakes area of Smiths Falls, a flame-based cremation would run about $600 to $1,000 — and that's before the cost of a required casket.

"It surprises me it's that low, especially because of the investment involved," says Morgan on hearing the figures. "You'd have to do a lot of cases to get any return on it, especially factoring in all the costs."

Hilton says the procedure is a natural one that speeds up decomposition and the dignity of bodies is always respected.

"This is somebody's loved one our facility is dealing with," he says. "We keep 100 per cent care of that (body) all the way through the process."

Hilton, who is also family co-owner of Lannin Funeral Home in Smiths Falls, says resomation involves two sterilizing cycles and filter systems before the resulting fluid is released into the sewage pipe to a treatment plant.

"My end product after it leaves my facility here is actually a high-concentrated fertilizer," he says.

Interest "grows every month," Hilton says. "It's 100 per cent green, there's nothing in the atmosphere, it uses less hydro energy, and I use no fuel cells."

He says he also uses far less water with this process.

Mike Janas, Niagara Region's acting director of water and wastewater services, says any resomation-related discharge into the wastewater system would have to comply with the region's sewer-use bylaw.

"If an organization was interested in this process here, we would have to thoroughly examine it and determine its effect on our wastewater system before commenting any further," Janas says.

While it's not in Niagara yet, George Darte, co-owner of George Darte Funeral Chapel in St. Catharines, knows the process well. He also met its contemporary inventor — Scottish biochemist Sandy Sullivan — about 12 years ago.

Darte says the process spread to medical facilities in the U.S. for human-remains disposition, and then to the funeral home industry.

The funeral director says he's pro-environment and resomation has less of a carbon footprint, "so I like that."

"We in the funeral industry haven't ... adapted enough to resomation yet," says Darte, adding his funeral home is a partner with other funeral homes that own a crematorium in Milton.

"We have looked at resomation, but it's not in our financial radar at this particular point," he says.

"There is an expense to it ... we're sitting back to (see) the second wave and watching to see how it's accepted."

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Gap in service for sex assault victims

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It's a move that has left the Niagara Sexual Assault Centre shaking its head.

Sexual assault victims who seek help at St. Catharines hospital are being sent outside of the region for specialized treatment.

Last week Cheri Huys, coordinator of the centre's hospital response team, was informed that for a two-week period there would be no sexual assault nurse examiner specializing in working with victims of the crime, available at the hospital.

That means when a victim seeks help at the Niagara Health System site, they will be medically cared for and then sent by taxi, if they so choose, to a Burlington or Hamilton hospital to have a forensic evidence kit taken.

Huys is concerned victims who have taken the difficult step to come forward, will be put off by the local hospital's inability to help and will decline service.

"For a victim to be presenting at the hospital is a big deal already, not to mention the experience they've had, the state they're in," she said, adding it's a sensitive situation that must be handled with the utmost care.

She is aware of one person who has sought treatment since the two-week service gap began last week.

That woman opted to take the ride out of town.

Huys said the Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Treatment Centre at St. Catharines hospital is funded by the provincial government. Instead of having a specific designation, however, the money is put into the hospital's general budget, she said.

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"We don't want Niagara residents to have to go out of the region to be treated when we're being funded in this region to have this service," she said, calling it "unacceptable."

"It's like saying we can't help you here."

A request for comment from the NHS was responded to with an e-mailed statement.

"Niagara Health is committed to ensuring residents receive timely care close to home. Unfortunately, we experienced an unanticipated leave involving one of our team members who is specialized in caring for sexual assault and domestic violence victims," said Jill Randall, director of patient care, emergency and cardiac. "We are deeply sorry to our patients."

In the statement, Randall said an interim staffing plan has been developed and will be in place by Aug. 20.

"Our plan is to have a permanent staffing model in place by September."

To address the gap between now and Aug. 20, the NHS has worked its Local Health Integration Network health-care partners and established a plan to ensure patients receive "timely access to high-quality specialized services," Randall said.

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Cheri Huys, coordinator, hospital response program, Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre, has raised concerns that no sexual assault nurse is available or on call at the St. Catharines Hospital for a two-week period, forcing victims who take the step to seek help to go to Hamilton or Burlington for treatment and evidence collection.

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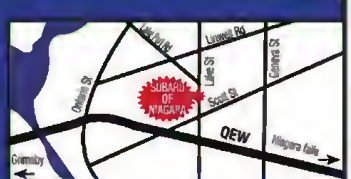

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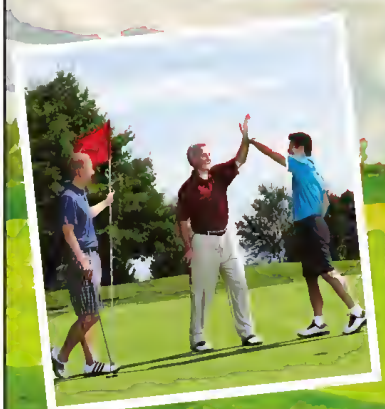

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Victims forced to travel

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Years ago, there was a designated fund for the hospital sexual assault program. When those dollars started being included in the hospital's main budget, changes began occurring, Huys said.

"Since that happened, we have been dealing with uncovered shifts," she said, adding there are sometimes two to three days in a week when the program goes unstaffed.

This is the first time there has been a gap of two consecutive weeks, she said.

The hospital team, which Huys praised for its work, typically provides notice about uncovered shifts to ensure centre staff are informed.

"We need this here. We have a university and a college in Niagara. We have a population of almost 500,000 people," she said of the program. "This happens in our community and we need this funding. We need that program to run and it needs to be staffed."

She noted that she does not believe it's a problem that is unique to Niagara, but that it's an issue nonetheless.

Prior to the service disruption, Huys said, the hospital was "working toward" having staff available Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., with nurses on-call after hours and on weekends.

"But sexual assaults don't just happen during the day. They can happen any time," she said, and the hospital is where they're told to go for care.

Protocol for sexual assault victims in Niagara has been in place through a number of partnering agencies since 1992.

When a victim comes to the St. Catharines emergency department, a sexual assault nurse examiner is called, who then notifies a hospital response worker from the NSAC.

The nurse and worker, along with the police, provide support to the victim, ensure they are properly cared for and collect forensic evidence.

Once that has been completed, the victim has a choice of releasing the evidence kit immediately to police or having it stored for up to six months while a decision is made about how they want to proceed.

If a victim visits another Niagara hospital, they are medically cleared and taken to the St. Catharines site to meet with the specialized team.

With the trip by taxi, paid for by the hospital, now in the mix, Huys said the NSAC worker will travel with the victim outside of Niagara.

The "best practice protocol" was developed by the partnering agencies and has "worked very well for all of us," Huys said. "We function as a team. We all come from the same foundation. We want what is in the best interest of the victim."

But for that trend to continue, staffing needs to be available.

She fears victims who come forward, particularly those who come from high-risk situations, such as human trafficking or domestic violence, will return back to where they came without the support they were seeking.

"That leaves people who may be already at great risk at further risk."

Calls and e-mails to Niagara Regional Police for comment were not immediately returned.

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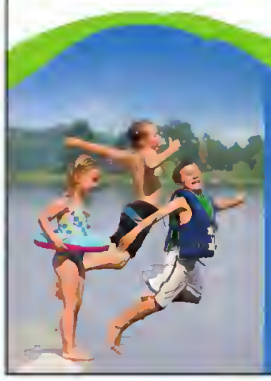

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- 1 tbsp baking powder
- 1 tbsp granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp ground sage
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 2 large eggs
- 1 and 1/2 cups grated zucchini(with peel on)
- 3/4 cup soured milk
- 1/4 cup cooking oil
- 1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce

Measure the first eight ingredients in a bowl. Stir. Make a well in the centre.

Combine remaining five ingredients in a bowl, then add to well in dry ingredients. Stir until just moistened.

Fill 12 large greased muffin cups 3/4 full. I use smaller cups so you can make 24 of these, just follow the 3/4 full advice.

Bake in 375degree (190 degree C) oven for about 20 minutes until wooden pick inserted in centre comes out clean. Let stand in pan for 5 minutes before removing to wire rack to cool. I find these served with a fresh salad makes a very nice lunch.

CORN RELISH (ANGELA'S CHOICE)

- 2 1/2 cups whole kernel corn cut from the cob
- 1 cup watermelon rind finely chopped (removing outer green skin and any red flesh on inside of rind)
- 3/4 cup red sweet peppers finely chopped
- 3/4 cup green sweet peppers finely chopped
- 1 large onion grated as finely as possible
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp coriander seed
- 5 tsp cornstarch

Cover all ingredients with water (except cornstarch) in large cooking pot. Bring to a boil, boiling for 10 minutes, stirring in the cornstarch while mixture is boiling.

Remove from heat and set aside what you would like to use immediately, placing in refrigerator or cool place. Put remainder in mason jars to be canned in pressure cooker or canner.

From the gardener's journal

I'm not sure who said it, but I really like the quote 'If nothing ever changed, there would he no butterflies.'

This week, we saw some change as the moisture levels in the evening became a nice dew and the odd rain shower dampened and brighten the ground.

In our space the 'hlack-eyed susan' perennials have begun to show their strength and now the space is full of hright golden shading.

In the morning, the little yellow finches fly through to add to the sense of bright and golden. I won't he harvesting any gooseberries or raspberries as the Jays have made a feast in the shrubs and canes and are heartily voicing their satisfaction.

Our little red squirrel continues to visit and tries to find his place among these noisy hirds.

I have heen checking the gardens in our sphere and some of the dried out summer perennials are heginning to return. We continue to water but we can not do the work of a good solid rain. I have some friends with a sense of humour who continue to post pictures of snow storms and streets covered in deep snow—well, we can always wait on that!

I have been making jokes about the level of production of zucchini in the heat and dry. I received a note this week from a friend who says she has been unable to grow any.

I just mentioned that if she left her door open a wee bit there would others who would willingly share theirs in the traditional drop and run.

I heard from a friend in Saskatchewan that when they attend church they lock their car doors in the summer hecause if they didn't, they would return to a car full of zucchini.

So one of the recipes I am sharing with readers this week (see hox) is another lovely use for this abundant vegetable. Don't he afraid to double this recipe hecause it is good. I am also sharing a recipe from my dear friend, Angela. This is for those that preserve summer's bounty.

I hope to see you at the awards Ccremony for Community in Blooms at the Leisureplex on Aug. 21 at 5 pm. Don't forget to let them know you are attending. What a lovely way to enjoy a summer evening!

As the days glide on into late summer let's try and enjoy all the sunshine. We know it is fleeting. And these warm evenings have heen the best. See you on the trails, at the heach or in the garden. As always, keep growing

Ruth Vold Markle is the vice-president of the Fort Erie Horticultural Society.

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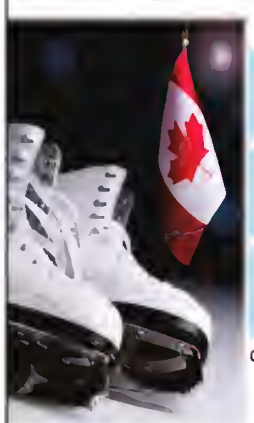

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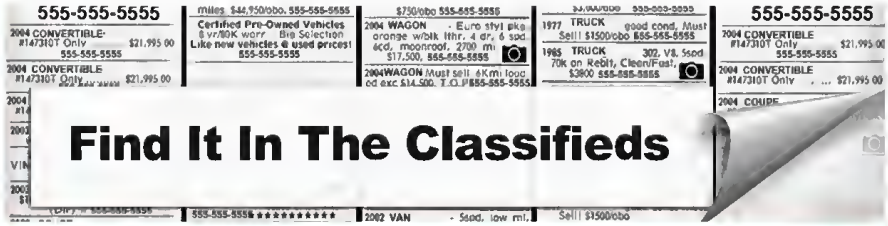

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Cannons win Niagara District Senior Men's baseball title

KRIS DUBÉ
Special to the Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Cannons can add another first-time accomplishment to their career stats.

The senior men's baseball team's members are officially champions of the Niagara District Baseball Association Senior Men's regular season following a 10-3 victory over the Niagara Falls Expos on Sunday.

Last season, the Cannons placed third overall but won the league championships – as well as the Ontario Baseball Association tournament 'B' division.

Coming off a two-title campaign in 2016 and a first-place finish this year, the Cannons are granted a first-round bye for the upcoming playoffs. This gives then time to relax, reflect on the season's success to date and get ready for the all-Ontario tournament on Labour Day weekend in Courtright, Ont.

The second round of the NDBA playoffs will begin a week later.

"We get to rest some arms during that time," said manager Justin Hall who has been with the team since its establishment, spending, many years as a player.

He says this year's success can be attributed to a

Fort Erie Cannons

number of factors – clutch hitting, shutdown pitching and strong defense.

Hall also said the addition of players like Gary 'G-Mo' Moraes have made a major impact – especially when they show up for every game and bat nearly .500 for the entire season.

"He's basically been our team leader this year," said Hall.

Shortstop Steve Oleniuk has also been solid in the infield – filling in for an injured Kris Hodges, a Cannons veteran.

"He's been a really great player for us," said Hall.

Starting pitching has also been a key to the Cannons' success. In 2015, coaching staff put much of the pressure on Cam Hall and Zack Porter.

Both were still integral to this year's rotation but with the arm of Ryan Soltesz added to the mix, Hall said it has given the team much more depth at the mound.

Hall also said the presence of long-time Cannons like Frankie Biggins, Adam Molnar and Mike DiMarcantonio added more depth throughout the lineup.

For now, the Cannons will keep their eye on two remaining prizes for the season – the league playoffs and provincial championship.

After winning last year's all-Ontario meet in the 'B' bracket, the Cannons are required this year to compete in the 'A' division.

"There's a lot of ball ahead still," said Hall.

Fort Erie Meteors Invitational

Friday, August 26th 2016

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9:00 P.M.	Pelham Panthers vs Thorold Blackhawks	Kinsmen

Saturday, August 27th 2016

11:00 A.M.	Thorold Blackhawks vs Buffalo Regals	Kinsmen
1:00 P.M.	Fort Erie Meteors vs Pelham Panthers	Kinsmen
6:00 P.M.	Pelham Panthers vs Buffalo Regals	Kinsmen
8:00 P.M.	Fort Erie Meteors vs Thorold Blackhawks	Kinsmen

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Canadian golf tour coming to Cherry Hill

BERNIE PUCHALSKI
Postmedia Network

The Canadian Tour is returning to Niagara.

After hosting its tour championship at the St. Catharines Golf and Country Club in 2009 and 2010, it was announced last month the Mackenzie Tour PGA TOUR Canada will stage the Niagara Championship Sept. 5-11 at Cherry Hill in Fort Erie.

The 144-player tournament replaces the Syncrude Boreal Open, which was cancelled in July because of the forest fires in the host city of Fort McMurray, Alta.

"When we were forced to cancel the event in Fort McMurray earlier this year, we immediately began exploring our options to add a new tournament to the 2016 schedule," tour president Jeff Monday said. "As a pathway for players to earn Web.com Tour status, we felt it was important to maintain a 12-event schedule and we are thrilled to have added another tournament at a top-quality venue."

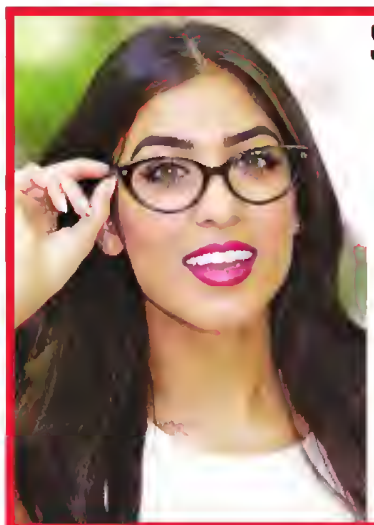
The event will be hosted by the Niagara Sport Commission.

"Cherry Hill Club, which underwent a major golf renovation in 2009, will provide an outstanding venue for the Niagara Championship," Niagara Sport Commission chairman Henry D'Angela said. "With support from the Fort Erie Economic Development Corporation, we look forward to bringing a high-calibre event to the Town of Fort Erie and Niagara."

The 7,027-yard, par-72 Walter J. Travis designed course opened in 1922 and has hosted several major events, including the 1972 Canadian Open.

"Cherry Hill Club is elated to host the Niagara Championship, an official event on the Mackenzie Tour," Cherry Hill president James S. O'Connor said. "When the club was approached about hosting the event, recognizing the difficulties Fort McMurray had and continues to have, we were honoured to be selected."

The Canadian tour holds a series of tournaments across Canada each summer. The top five players on the tour's money list earn status on the Web.com Tour for the following season.



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In The NEWS

THE CIRCLE OF ART AT THE THE QUEEN'S CIRCLE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thanks to a generous array of sponsors, patrons of the arts and Friends of Crystal Beach, committee members and volunteers. The Circle of Art was enjoyed by one and all in spite of the heat of the day.

There was a festive air surrounding the Queens Circle due to two young musicians-Cameron Leeacoustic singer/songwriter and Brook Aviles-piano.guitar. They entertained the artist's and crowd with their exceptional talent that was enjoyed by everyone.

The Circle of Art drew artists from Crystal Beach, Ridgeway, Stevensville, greater Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Welland, Pt. Colborne, Cayuga and Western New York providing a wide selection of artistic mediums, including oil, watercolour and acrylic paintings, stained glass and blown glass, soapstone carvings to photography and sculpture and many more artistic mediums...Expressionable art was also provided by Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School, Fort Erie Secondary School and DSBN Academy with a wide array of colour and creativity. We can't thank the Art teachers from these schools enough for making the students' art available to us to display.

The Crystal Beach Candy Company (Bob Steckley) provided memories of Crystal Beach with his Crystal Beach waffles, suckers and of course the loganberry drink that helped wash down a hotdog/sausage or two.

Again, The Circle of Art was a great success due to the dedicated and creative abilities of all of our artists. From the Friends of Crystal Beach, committee members, volunteers myself Gayle Martineau event coordinator we again Thank You for your participation and supports of our event.

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Rio Vista Retirees results

Special to the Fort Erie Times

There was a short rain shower very early last Wednesday morning but golf courses and lawns are in need of much more moisture.

We're still facing hot temperatures and yet our Rio Vista Retirees still had a good turn-out of 50 golfers. Last week was the always popular four man scramble.

The 50/50 draw went to Al Plato and the hidden hole was the par four fifth on which only five birdies were recorded.

The weekly closest to the pin on number seven was won again by Neil McKinnon and only nine golfers managed to get their drives onto the green.

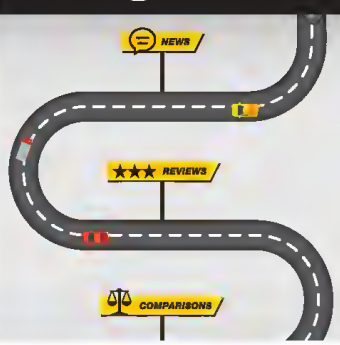
First place went to Art Drover, Brian Hopkins, Simon Holierboek and Robin Jones. Second place went to Bob McKellar, Scott Burridge, Barry Hopkins and Wayne Learn. Third place was a tie for the teams of Al Plato, Harry Visser, Tony Vanderklei, Waldo Robley and Mel Annett, Dennis Bailey, Mike Whittaker and Norm Seebach.

Rio Vista Retirees

The feat of the day was by Brian Hopkins who has only started to play golf regularly this year. He managed to be on a winning team for the first time.

Wednesday's event was a special Beat Your Handicap to establish the new handicaps. The results were not available before the Fort Erie Times press deadline.

Driving



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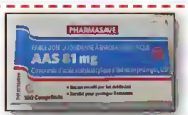

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Rowers ready to take on the world

BERNIE PUCHALSKI
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Ridley Graduate Boat Club members Grayson Gray and Taylor Ashwood are among 12 Niagara athletes who will be competing at the World Rowing Championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

During an Olympic year, junior, under-23 and senior team athletes all compete at a combined regatta and the lightweight men's pair will be in the Netherlands Aug. 21-28.

The large gathering of all age groups should make the regatta extra special.

"It's going to be a really big event and the atmosphere is going to be extremely competitive," Grayson said.

The 22-year-old Thorold native is a veteran of the under-23 world championships. The Brock University rower was in a lightweight pair that won a bronze medal in 2014. Last year, he couldn't race in the final at the worlds because of an injury.

He believes his experience at the worlds is important, especially at the start of the regatta when they're first calling Canada into its lane.

"That is something I want to prepare Taylor for because when you hear it, it's an eye opener," he said. "It's like an 'Oh crap, I am here' kind of thing. Once the regatta starts, it's like any other regatta."

That's easier said than done, but necessary.

"You can't over-think it," Grayson said. "It's just like you are racing on your home course."

Ashwood, a 21-year-old Fort Erie native, has never competed at a world championships, but did represent Canada at last year's World University Games.

"Last time was for experience and it was more nerves than anything," the Brock University rower said.

BOB TYMCZYSZYN/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Taylor Ashwood and Grayson Gray from Ridley Graduate Boat Club compete at last week's Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in St. Catharines. The pair will be representing Canada at the under-23 world championships next week.

Ashwood admitted to being a little overwhelmed wearing Canadian colours for the first time.

"It wasn't racing different clubs, it was racing different countries and it was a pretty neat experience," he said. "But now I am over that and hopefully we can do well and get on the podium."

That being said, representing Canada is still an awe-inspiring experience.

"Especially in rowing, it's the highest you can go," Ashwood said. "There is no professional rowing and to get to this level is a whole other thing."

That feeling has been amplified for Ashwood as he watches Olympic rowing on television.

"It's knowing that I will be doing the same thing in the next couple of weeks," he said.

Ashwood and Gray already have plenty of experience together in a boat. Last season at Brock, they were members of a lightweight four and double that won bronze medals at the Canadian University Rowing Championships.

"I have never felt this good in a boat before in my life," Gray said. "Every day we come to the dock and it's like I've been there my whole life."

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"Right from the start, Taylor and I had something," Gray said. "Sometimes when practice wasn't going so good, we always had an edge to us. It makes it really easy to wake up in the morning and go to practice."

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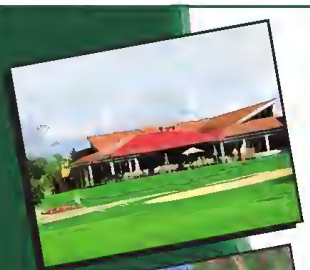

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'We've selected a strong team to represent Canada...'

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"I've been there two years and I know what kind of speed we need to have," he said. "We've met all those goals along the way and we go in with some confidence knowing we have laid down some extremely fast times when we needed to. Having that in our back pockets is a good motivator."

The pair has been training this summer at South Niagara Rowing Club and leaves for the Netherlands Thursday.

Other locals on the under-23 team are: St. Catharines Rowing Club member Julia Vanderhoeven, a California Berkley scholarship rower, in the women's double; St. Catharines Rowing Club' Dan de Groot, a Princeton rower, in the men's four; Ridley grad Luc Brodeur, a University of Victoria Rowing Club member, in the men's quad; St. Catharines Rowing Club member Matthew Finley, a Brock rower, also in the men's quad; and, South Niagara Rowing Club member Nick Tavares in the men's coxed four.

Local athletes on the non-Olympic senior team are: St. Catharines Rowing Club's Jordan Rendall in the lightweight men's quad; South Niagara Rowing Club's Kerry Shaffer in the women's four; and, St. Catharines Rowing Club member Sydney Boyes, a Western rower, in the lightweight women's quad.

Local athletes on the junior national team competing in Rotterdam are: South Niagara Rowing Club's Jared Naar in the men's quad; and, St. Catharines Rowing Club's Ethan McAlpine in the men's double.

St. Catharines native Pat Newman is coaching the junior men's quad and pair.

"We've selected a strong team to represent Canada at this year's World Rowing Championship," said Peter Cookson, Rowing Canada's high performance director. "The athletes selected have continued to show great progress throughout the year and displayed a high-calibre of rowing through the selection process."

Taylor Ashwood and Grayson Gray from the Ridley Graduate Boat Club compete at last week's Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in St. Catharines. The pair will be representing Canada at the under-23 world championships later this month.

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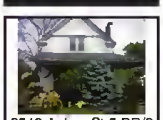

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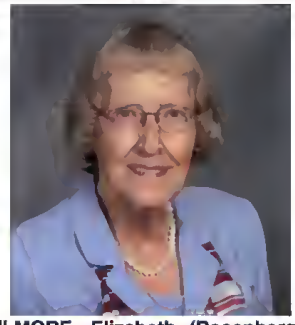
BERHALTER, James - Jim passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at Gilmore Lodge on Friday August 12th, 2016 at the age of 94. Predeceased by his Loving wife Beverley. Proud father of Kim (Bob Jackson) Metzger, Rick (Sharon) Berhelter, Jene Haggerty, Kerry (Andy) Berhelter-Whalen and Jim (Sunngan) Berhalter. Cherished grandfather of Sherri, Jim, Tim, Tar and Julia and great-grandfather of Jennifer, Kaitlin, Emily, Rose and Stellan and Nayah and a great-great-grandson Hunter. Predeceased by his brother Robert, he will be sadly missed by his nieces especially Mary and his other extended family and friends. Jim was a hardworking and proud family man. He was a graduate of Niagara University and served in the United States Army during WWII He was a member of American Legion Post 264 Tonawanda, NY. He will be fondly remembered as a kind, loving and gentle soul. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Monday August 15th at 11 a.m, there will be no prior visitation. Donations if so desired, to the Gilmore Lodge Resident's Council or the Fort Erie S.P.C.A. would be appreciated by the family. The family extend their heartfelt appreciation for the ongoing care and compassion shown Dr. Che and the wonderful staff of Gilmore Lodge.



GILMORE, Elizabeth (Rosenberger, Weaver) - Went home to be with her Lord on August 12, 2016, at Freeport Hospital, Kitchener, at the age of 93. Beloved wife of her lete husbands, Jesse Weaver (1973) and James Gilmore (1991). Dear mother of Lese (John) Balch, and loving grandmother to Christina (Ben) Pertyka end Caroline (Julian Enright) Balch. Beloved sister of Ida (late Elwood) Flewelling. Beloved step-mother to Nettie (Ed) Meyer, Cloyce (Lorenzo Chichioco) Weaver, late Milton (late Phyllis) Weaver, Anne (late Henry) Dyck, Linda (Ron) Farr, Glenn (Dolly) Gilmore, Gordon (Susan) Gilmore, and late Carl (Margie) Gilmore. Sadly missed as a loving Grandma to the many Weaver and Gilmore grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Special thanks to Freeport Hospital 3rd and 4th Floor Union Terrace staff for their kind and caring support. A memorial service will be held on Thursday August 18 at 11 AM at Trinity Life Church, 5348 Sherkston Road, Sherkston, with visitation before the service at 10 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Niagara Christian Collegiate, where Elizabeth enjoyed providing many years of dedicated service. Share condolences online at www.westmountfuneralchapel.com

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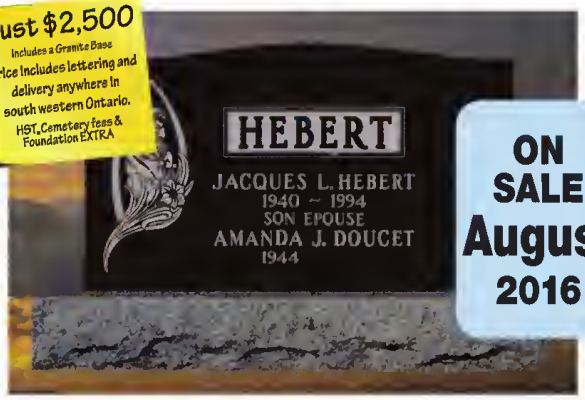

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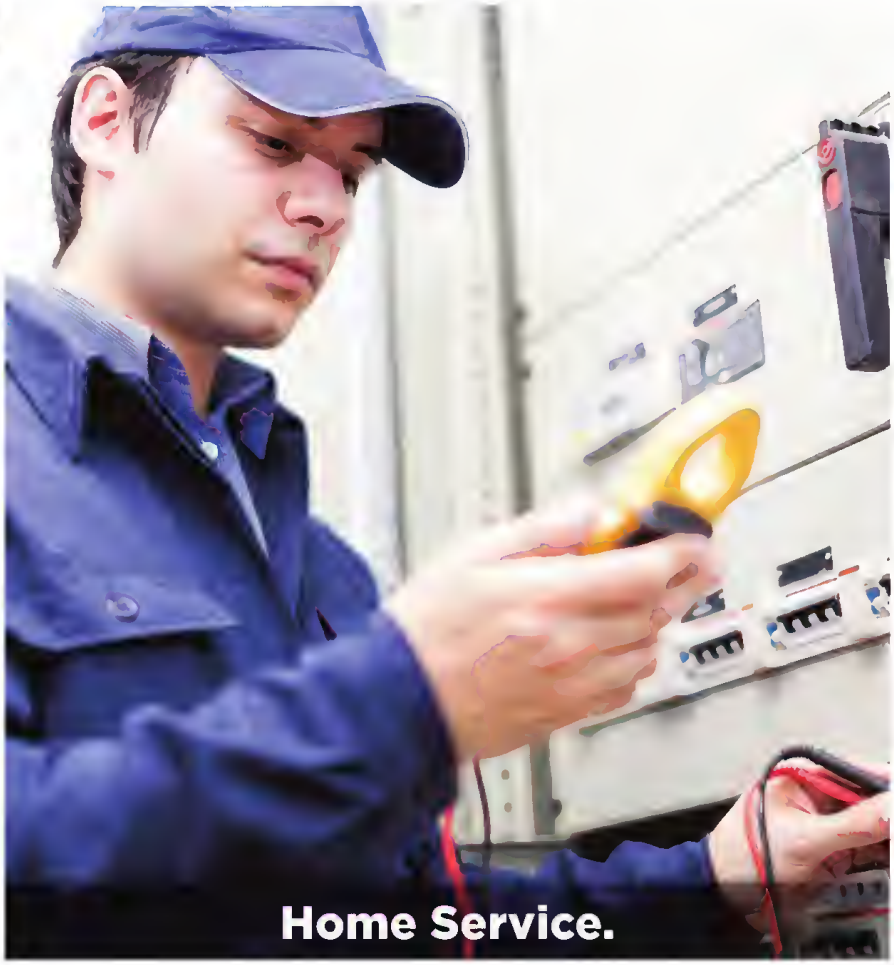

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